

LIST OF TOWING / HEAVY EQUIPMENT COMPANIES CONTACTED FOR BLOCKADE ASSISTANCE

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On January 31, 2022, 2 towing companies attended a staging area near the blockade, and were on standby for towing services. They committed to returning the following day to again provide services for blockade vehicle removal.

On February 1, 2022, all of the companies that agreed to attend the scene advised they would not be attending to provide service.

As a result of losing this service, contact was made with the companies listed in this document in an attempt to secure towing and / or crane services to assist the RCMP with semi truck removal from the blockade on Highway 4 near the Port of Coumts, Alberta.

All of the companies with semi truck towing capability in Alberta that have been contacted have refused to provide service, with the majority citing the reason being they didn't want to be involved in dealing with the blockade. Some companies had single employees that wished to assist, however, their request was either denied by their managers or their drivers refused to go. One company received an anonymous cash donation from a blockade supporter, as the companies that normally contract for the RCMP are publicly known. Social media backlash toward these companies has become common, and some have contained veiled threats.

We have reached out to numerous companies in BC and Saskatchewan, however, they are not available to travel or are not interested in providing service due to not wanting to get involved in the situation.

COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE	REASON FOR REFUSAL
Personal Info.	Lethbridge	Personal Info.	Unwilling
	Calgary		Busy with collisions
	Medicine Hat		Busy / driver shortage
	Medicine Hat		No drivers
	Medicine Hat		Unwilling / poor optics
	Medicine Hat		Will not assist
	Taber		Seeking permission
	Medicine Hat		Unavailable
	Aldersyde		Unwilling to assist
	Medicine Hat		No longer in service
	Medicine Hat		No equipment
	Medicine Hat		Unable to assist
	Medicine Hat		Not in service
	Brooks		Refusal / fear of backlash

Personal Info.	Lethbridge	Personal Info.	No response
COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE	REASON FOR REFUSAL
Personal Info.	Pincher Creek	Personal Info.	Unwilling to assist
	Cranbrook, BC		Refusal, advised crane will not work due to
	Maple Creek, SK		Refusal
	Swift Current, SK		Refusal
	Cranbrook, BC		Reluctant, not willing to commit
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	Lethbridge		Refusal
	Calgary		Refusal
	Pincher Creek		Refusal
	Redcliff		Refusal
	Dunmore		Not interested
	Redcliff		Unable to help
	Saskatoon		Too busy with storm, concerned about backlash
	Saskatoon		Refusal

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